

# 2002 Report of Accomplishments Moses Lake Conservation District

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## Natural Resource Improvements in 2003 - Summary

- *The first phase of the arboretum is complete with plant materials, walkways and mulched areas complete. A drip irrigation system has been completed encompassing the phase 1 plants. Fall activity will include more plants, labeling and phase 2 walkways installed.*

## Mission of the Moses Lake Conservation District

- *To represent and assist cooperators to adopt, implement, and promote conservation practices.*

## Basic Funding

- *Completed all required reports in a timely manner. Forwarded minutes and financial statements to the Washington State Conservation Commission and the Field Services Manager.*

## Local Funding

- *The Moses Lake Conservation District supports itself through the operation of a nursery. The nursery is composed of eight acres in field production and 3000 sq. ft of greenhouse propagation space with an additional 1500 sq. ft of propagation area under construction. Our conservation container and bare root season is September through November and again March through April.*

## Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP)

- *Produced and sold conservation plants for Columbia Basin and CREP planting projects. Materials were produced and sold to individual home-owners, Washington State Fish and Wildlife and various community groups.*

## Dairy

- *Assisted the Conservation District Partnership with certification of dairy plans.*

## Habitat Restoration

- *Have an agreement with United States Department of Fish and Wildlife at the Columbia Wildlife Refuge to secure propagation material and produce to a larger size habitat restoration materials for the Crow Creek Project.*

## Community Collaboration & Coordination

- *Served as consultant in conjunction with local Audubon Society for habitat project at a local area school.*
- *The Board of Supervisors is continually involved in planning and hosting tours of the nursery and local area.*

## Information & Education

- *Landscape Design Classes for adults taught through Moses Lake Parks and Recreation Department. These 4-hour classes educated home-owners/landscapers on the basics of landscape design with emphasis on xeric materials that thrive in the Columbia Basin environment around the Moses Lake area.*
- *Nursery Field Trips are given year-round to local school children ages pre-school through high school for outdoor educational opportunities concerning plant materials, sustainable landscaping and conservation.*
- *Acted as a educational resource facility by providing a display and participating at the local Renewable Energy Pavilion during the Spring Fair/Home Show.*
- *Educated and consulted on home and business energy savings utilizing plant materials to cut costs and provide energy conservation.*

- *Assisted the Conservation District Partnership by assisting with educational program when applicable.*
- *The Board of Supervisors continue testing and research on their respective farms.*
- *Materials on hand for public information and education concerning a variety of topics from sustainable soil conservation issues to windbreak and habitat installations and restorations.*

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